

human rights, Dr. Carr's prolific work benefited communities all over the world, including in Jamaica and the Caribbean. In his most recent role as Director of Policy and Advocacy at the International Coalition of AIDS Services Organizations (ICASO) in Toronto, Canada, Dr. Carr was a dynamic and effective leader. The global AIDS movement is devastated by the untimely loss of one of their most beloved colleagues. With his passing, we look to Dr. Carr's continued legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Dr. Carr became active in the field of HIV/AIDS over a decade ago, when he began to research stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV in Jamaica. In 2002, he became Executive Director of Jamaica AIDS Support for Life, a national NGO serving Jamaican society's most disenfranchised populations, including prisoners, the hearing impaired, people who use drugs, sex workers, transgender people, and gay and other men who have sex with men. In response to a lack of access to HIV and health services in Jamaica, he co-founded and was first Executive Director of the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC), one of the first Caribbean organizations to focus on issues related to the rights and needs of sexual minorities.

As a result of his intellect, passion and talent for collaboration, Dr. Carr began a fast ascent to leadership positions within the AIDS movement and his work quickly took on a global scope. The author of several books, Dr. Carr wrote extensively on human rights and HIV, as well as on the social context that drives stigma and discrimination. From 2006 to 2008, he taught at the University of the West Indies, serving as the Coordinator of the Graduate Programmes Unit at the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication. In recent years, Dr. Carr served on the NGO delegation to the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) and joined with other global advocates to found the Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MSMGF). He acted as a panelist for numerous Congressional Briefings in Washington D.C., worked with the LGBT Caucus and assisted with high-level meetings at the U.N., as well as countless other global policy arenas.

In these myriad roles, Dr. Carr was universally recognized for his unrelenting principles, his powerful mentorship, his unfailing efforts to build bridges across the broad HIV movement, and his larger-than-life presence. He insisted, unequivocally, that no marginalized community be left behind in the fight for social justice and the end of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. As a social worker and an academic, an attentive listener and an articulate public speaker, Dr. Carr's charming sense of humor, warmth and integrity were at the core of his dedication to activism.

Today, California's Ninth Congressional District salutes and honors Dr. Robert Carr. Our global community is indebted to his life's contribution in countless ways. Dr. Carr will always be remembered as a pioneer in advancing the health and human rights of marginalized groups, while going the extra mile to help them form an empowered, unified front. We extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Carr's family and his extended group of loved ones and colleagues. He will be deeply missed.

#### GEORGE WHITTEN TRIBUTE

### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 1, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize George Whitten for his service to the United States of America. He is one of the many men and women who put themselves in harm's way to protect our country and its values.

Mr. Whitten, now a rancher in Saguache, Colorado, enlisted during World War II. He was an exemplary soldier and his efforts contributed to the United States' success in the Pacific Theater. Towards the end of the war, he was one of the soldiers who saw the American flag raised at Iwo Jima. The victories, and struggles, he saw are humbling to contemplate. We owe a debt of gratitude to the servicemen of his generation, and to all who have bravely served our country.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to stand and pay tribute to George Whitten. His dedication to our country is immense, and for that I am grateful.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILDREN'S FREE WARD ASSOCIATION

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 1, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Children's Free Ward Association for 100 years of caring for the needs of poor, sick children in the Saginaw Michigan area. The Association will celebrate this milestone at St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital on June 2 in Saginaw.

The Children's Free Ward Association was started in 1911 by a group of women dedicated to assisting the poor in the Saginaw community. It grew out of the women's sewing circle, hospital volunteers that devoted hours to sewing and repairing patient garments and linens. In the beginning the Association rented one bed from St. Mary's Hospital for \$12 a week. The physicians and surgeons donated their services to care for the children and the Association was soon able to increase their commitment to more beds and cribs. Upon discharge from the hospital every sponsored child was given a new outfit made by the volunteers. Over the years they have advocated and worked to improve pediatric healthcare in the Saginaw area. They purchased the first incubator and oxygen therapy unit in Saginaw for premature babies. The members of the Association also volunteered their time to entertain and comfort the children.

In the last year the Association has supported new medical equipment benefitting 17,000 children in the Saginaw Valley region including: pediatric crash carts, pediatric attachments for glidescopes, medical trays for emergency care, educational and entertainment items for the patients' use. They funded a grief camp for children, Asthma Camp, and the GreenHouse Center for HOPE expansion project.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the work of the

Children's Free Ward Association. Through their efforts countless children have been given the gifts of health and life. Conceived with the idea of helping the smallest and poorest in our midst receive quality healthcare, the Children's Free Ward Association has proven over the last century that with charity, determination and a willingness to work, we can accomplish great things. I commend the volunteers, healthcare providers and supporters for their vision, commitment and enthusiasm to provide hope and health to the children and families of Saginaw and I wish them continued success through the next 100 years.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 1, 2011*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for the vote on May 26, 2011, to temporarily reauthorize expiring provisions of the Patriot Act. Had I been present I would have voted against S. 990, the legislative vehicle for the PATRIOT Act, because I believe that law fails to provide for the adequate protection of our freedoms and liberties.

#### CODIFICATION OF LAWS RELATING TO NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AS TITLE 54, UNITED STATES CODE, NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 1, 2011*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Ranking Member JOHN CONYERS and I have introduced a bill to enact title 54, United States Code, "National Park System". The bill restates provisions relating to the National Park System as part of a new positive law title of the United States Code. The new positive law provisions replace the existing provisions, which are repealed by the bill.

The bill was prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives as part of its ongoing responsibility under 2 U.S.C. §285b to prepare, and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary one title at a time, a complete compilation, restatement, and revision of the general and permanent laws of the United States.

All changes in existing law made by the bill are purely technical in nature. The bill was prepared in accordance with the statutory standard for codification legislation. The restatement of existing law conforms to the understood policy, intent, and purpose of Congress in the original enactments. Amendments and corrections, as necessary, will remove ambiguities, contradictions, and other imperfections.

The bill is not intended to make any substantive changes in the law. As is typical with the codification process, a number of non-substantive revisions are made, including the reorganization of sections into a more coherent overall structure, but these changes are not intended to have any substantive effect.